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Wall Street Journal: "Junk-Bond Sellers Find Risk Too High ... Alok Makhija piled into battered high-yield bonds and loans last year, scooping up bargains that enabled his hedge fund, Ore Hill Partners, to generate a 67% return."

Wall Street Journal: "J.P. Morgan Faces Suits Alleging Foreclosure Fraud ... J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. said it is facing two purported class-action suits alleging foreclosure fraud after temporarily halting foreclosures in September, becoming the latest big Wall Street bank to disclose a laundry list of lawsuits that allege its underwriting of mortgages used in securitizations harmed investors in those securitizations."

Wall Street Journal: "Banks Ease Loan Standards, but Crunch Isn't Over ... The credit crunch is easing in the U.S. but it's far from over."

Wall Street Journal: "Ireland's Next Blow Could Be Home Loans ... Ireland's commercial-property bust has knocked the country's banks to their knees. Now the lenders are bracing for another blow: losses on home loans."

Wall Street Journal: "Geithner 'Confident' of Global Deal ... U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Monday he is "very confident" world leaders, including those from China, will later this week agree on a global economic rebalancing framework that may include early warning indicators on when current accounts are excessive."

Wall Street Journal: "The Search for a New Currency System ... More than 60 years after the victors in World War II devised new rules for currencies at Bretton Woods, N.H., and more than 30 years after Richard Nixon blew up that regime, the search is on for a new way to manage the tensions that come from countries using their own national currencies."

Wall Street Journal: "Fed Global Backlash Grows ... Global controversy mounted over the Federal Reserve's decision to pump billions of dollars into the U.S. economy, with President Barack Obama defending the move as China, Russia and the euro zone added to a chorus of criticism."

Wall Street Journal: "Ben Bernanke's Impossible Dream ... Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke may be an excellent economist, but he is not a very good bond salesman. Since his Aug. 27 speech at an annual Fed symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyo., he's been telling us that he thinks inflation is too low and long-term interest rates are too high."

Washington Post: "Dodd Says Bankruptcy Law Must Help Address 'Too Big to Fail' ... Senator Christopher Dodd, co-author of the biggest overhaul of financial regulation since the 1930s, said he fears bankruptcy courts would be ill-equipped to handle the collapses of interconnected firms not covered by the law."

Washington Post: "Obama defends Federal Reserve's \$600 billion bid to boost economic recovery ... President Obama on Monday backed the Federal Reserve's decision to inject \$600 billion into the U.S. economy through unconventional means, as debate over the central bank's action heated up both domestically and around the world."

NY Times: "The Return of the Risk Arbs ... The business of betting on mergers and acquisitions is coming back from the dead."

NY Times: "A Lack of Transparency in S.E.C. Disclosure Rule ... Has the Securities and Exchange Commission bungled its disclosure rules?"

NY Times: "The Flash Crash, in Miniature ... BlackBerrys were buzzing inside Progress Energy in Raleigh, N.C.: in a blink, the 102-year-old utility had been virtually wiped out on Wall Street."

NY Times: "Low Rates Hurt Bonds for Housing ... It is not just retired savers who are struggling with a sharp reduction in their investment income as interest rates hover near zero. Hundreds of affordable housing projects across the country are feeling the pain, too."

USA Today: "Banks more willing to lend, Fed survey reports ... Banks further eased standards and terms on some types of business and household loans in the past three months, a Federal Reserve survey showed, while many said it would take years for standards to return to long-term norms."